

WHEREAS, Missouri seniors who exemplify service and citizenship by giving back to their communities through volunteerism are worthy of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ernsbarger of Nevada regularly volunteers for the local 4-H club, the Vernon County Youth Fair, the McGennis Youth Center, Nevada Parks and Rec, Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ernsbarger helped coordinate and direct numerous Vernon County Youth Fairs and other 4-H activities while a 4-H Youth Specialist and continues to promote the University of Missouri Extension services and 4-H events; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ernsbarger frequently publicizes 4-H programs in his newspaper column, touting the virtues of their activities; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ernsbarger helped develop plans for a new senior center in Nevada and worked in cooperation with the City of Nevada to pass a ½ cent recreation tax in 1999 to help fund the senior center project; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ernsbarger, at the age of 72, admirably serves this community with no desire or expectation of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Ernsbarger was nominated for Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder's Senior Service Award by State Representative Barney Fisher;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETER KINDER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND OFFICIAL SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby congratulate **Leonard Ernsbarger** for winning the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. Furthermore, I wish him the best as he continues to admirably serve the Nevada community.